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SUBJECT: FRG COMMENTS ON COMMUNITY ISSUES

1. FOREIGN OFFICE DIRECTOR OF EUROPEAN COMMUNITY
AFFAIRS (TRUMPF) MADE FOLLOWING COMMENTS NOVEMBER 30
ON CURRENT COMMUNITY ISSUES TO VISITING EUR/RPE
OFFICER IN CHARGE OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS ROBERT HOMME.

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2. EUROPEAN COUNCIL: TRUMPF DID NOT EXPECT ANYTHING
DRAMATIC FROM THE DECEMBER 5-6 EUROPEAN COUNCIL (EC
HEADS OF GOVERNMENT) MEETING IN BRUSSELS. HE BELIEVED
THAT COUNCIL WOULD, HOWEVER, RESOLVE OUTSTANDING
COMMUNITY ISSUES; FOR EXAMPLE, THE REGIONAL FUND BUDGET,
ADJUSTMENT OF THE EUROPEAN UNIT OF ACCOUNT AND BALANCE
OF PAYMENT ASSISTANCE MECHANISM. THESE QUESTIONS HAD

HELD UP OTHER COMMUNITY BUSINESS FOR SOME TIME AND THEIR RESOLUTION WOULD BE HELPFUL. BUT TRUMPF DID NOT THINK THESE ISSUES WOULD NECESSARILY BE SETTLED ALONG THE LINES OF THE COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATIONS: WHERE LARGE AMOUNTS OF MONEY WERE INVOLVED, THERE WAS LIKELY TO BE COMPROMISE. TRUMPF SAID CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT WOULD PROBABLY DISCUSS INFORMALLY THE QUESTION OF ENLARGEMENT.

3. SPANISH ACCESSION: TRUMPF CONFIRMED THAT THE FRG WAS ANXIOUS TO BRING SPAIN INTO THE COMMUNITY AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE, FOLLOWED BY TRANSITION PERIODS IN AREAS SUCH AS FREE MOVEMENT OF WORKERS. HE SAID THE FRG HAD TOLD THE COMMISSION IN NO UNCERTAIN TERMS THAT ITS OPINION ON THE SPANISH APPLICATION SHOULD BE COMPLETED WELL BEFORE 1979. TRUMPF THOUGHT THE COMMISSION--AND THE MEMBER STATES--WERE DIVIDED ON THIS ISSUE. TRUMPF ALSO SAID THE FRG DID NOT AGREE WITH THE COMMISSION'S POSITION THAT MASSIVE TRANSFERS OF RESOURCES SHOULD BE MADE TO PREPARE PORTUGAL FOR ACCESSION. THE FRG BELIEVED THE APPLICANT COUNTRIES, AND PARTICULARLY SPAIN, SHOULD JOIN THE COMMUNITY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND THAT THE PROCESS OF STRUCTURAL ADJUSTMENT, THROUGH APPROPRIATE TRANSITIONAL PERIODS, SHOULD BEGIN AFTER MEMBERSHIP. TRUMPF NOTED THAT THE GERMAN PARLIAMENT (BUNDESTAG) HAD ADDED ADDITIONAL CONFIDENTIAL

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FUNDING TO THE GOVERNMENT'S DEVELOPMENT BUDGET AND THAT SOME OF THIS WAS EARMARKED FOR APPLICANT COUNTRIES.

4. GREEK ACCESSION: THE MAJOR PROBLEM WAS ITALIAN AND FRENCH INSISTENCE THAT THE COMMUNITY ADDRESS THE MEDITERRANEAN AGRICULTURAL ISSUE, WHICH TRUMPF BELIEVED WOULD TAKE 6-12 MONTHS. NEGOTIATIONS WITH GREECE WOULD PROCEED IN THE MEANTIME, BUT IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO CONCLUDE THEM UNTIL THE AGRICULTURAL QUESTION HAD BEEN SETTLED. HE ADDED THAT THE FRG WAS WILLING, THOUGH IT WOULD NOT SAY SO OPENLY, TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL COMPENSATION TO ITALY AND FRANCE IN CONNECTION WITH STRUCTURAL CHANGES. TRUMPF THOUGHT THAT WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE AGRICULTURAL AND FINANCIAL ISSUES, THE PACKAGE OF PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED WITH GREEK ACCESSION WOULD BE RELATIVELY EASY TO RESOLVE AND COULD BE DEALT WITH QUICKLY.

5. TURKEY AND THE COMMUNITY: TRUMPF THOUGHT THE TURKS WERE UNDECIDED ON THE QUESTION OF EVENTUAL COMMUNITY ACCESSION BUT THAT THEY WOULD LIKELY OPT FOR IT IN THE LONG TERM. AT THE MOMENT, ANKARA REALLY DID NOT KNOW

WHAT IT WANTED FROM THE EC. THE TURKISH ECONOMY WAS NOT STRUCTURALLY GEARED TO COMMUNITY MEMBERSHIP, (TRUMPF REFERRED HERE TO THE LARGE STATE SECTORS) AND THE TURKS WOULD HAVE DIFFICULTY JOINING EVEN IF THEY DECIDED TO DO SO. ANKARA'S PRESENT POSITION SEEMED TO BE THAT THE COMMUNITY SHOULD CONTINUE TO FOCUS ON THE

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QUESTION OF EVENTUAL TURKISH MEMBERSHIP AND THAT IN THE MEANTIME, ANKARA SHOULD BE OFFERED MORE OPPORTUNITIEST EXPORT TO THE COMMUNITY. TRUMPF ALSO NOTED THAT ANKARA HAD AGAIN RAISED ITS DEMAND THAT TURKEY HAVE A VOICE IN EC POLITICAL DISCUSSION OF MATTERS DIRECTLY AFFECTING ITS INTERESTS ONCE GREECE JOINED

THE COMMUNITY. THIS WOULD BE A TOUGH ONE FOR THE NINE TO HANDLE, AND THERE WAS NO CONSENSUS AT THIS POINT.

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6. THE UK AND THE COMMUNITY: TRUMPF WAS CRITICAL ABOUT THE BRITISH ROLE IN THE COMMUNITY. IN HIS VIEW, THE UK HAD ESTABLISHED A RECORD OF DEFENSE OF NATIONAL INTERESTS TO THE EXCLUSION OF COMMUNITY GOALS AND HAD PURSUED A POLICY OF BRINKMANSHIP. BRITISH POLITICIANS FOUND IT CONVENIENT TO BLAME THE COMMUNITY FOR DOMESTIC ECONOMIC ILLS. CALLAGHAN, HOWEVER, WAS DOING HIS BEST BUT THERE WAS STILL A FEELING OF DISAPPOINTMENT AMONG MANY ONE-TIME ARDENT SUPPORTERS OF BRITISH ACCESSION.

7. EC/CYPRUS TRADE AGREEMENT: THERE WERE STILL SOME PROBLEMS (E.G. ITALY) BUT THE COUNCIL HAD GIVEN ITS APPROVAL IN PRINCIPLE AND TRUMPF WAS OPTIMISTIC. HE DID NOT BELIEVE THE EC/CYPRUS TRADE AGREEMENT WOULD BE A STEP TOWARD A SOLUTION OF THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN POLITICAL PROBLEM, THOUGH HE CONCURRED THAT ITS NON-CONCLUSION WOULD BE DETRIMENTAL FOR THE CYPRIOT ECONOMY.

8. YUGOSLAVIA AND THE COMMUNITY: TRUMPF SAID THE COMMUNITY WAS PREPARED TO GO AS FAR AS BELGRADE WOULD LIKE, ALTHOUGH THE YUGOSLAVS SEEMINGLY WANTED TO GO NO FURTHER THAN A COOPERATION FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT. THIS WAS BASICALLY A POLITICAL QUESTION AND THE COMMUNITY WAS PREPARED TO SUPPORT YUGOSLAV DESIRES FOR A CLOSER RELATIONSHIP. THAT SAID, TRUMPF THOUGHT IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT FOR THE EC TO MEET ALL OF YUGOSLAVIA'S DESIRES IN SPECIFIC AREAS, PARTICULARLY IN TERMS OF TRADE CONCESSIONS.
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